

## STARTLING CLUES IN CHICAGO BOY MURDER

Two Boys Say They Saw the Victim Enter Room of a Turk and Never Came Out

## SIXTY YEAR OLD SUSPECT ARRESTED

Police Taking Great Mass of Evidence in Case and Believe They Have Caught Perpetrator of the Crime—Woman Said Dog Howled All Night Long.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 7.—Startling information was obtained by the police this afternoon in their efforts to clear up the mystery of the murder of Tiffa Shashem, 13 years old, whose dismembered body was found recently in Mud lake, a part of the Chicago river.

August Cardinelli and Dominick Labrelo, boys, today testified to Police Inspector Dorman, that young Shashem had on Saturday last, the day of his disappearance, entered the home of Hassan Nemmer, a Turk now under arrest, in company with Hemmer. The boys waited half an hour for their companion to return but finally got discouraged and left.

That was the last they saw of the lad until his body was brought piecemeal to the morgue. A weird touch was added to the story of the boy's death by a woman living opposite Nemmer home. She declared that on Saturday night she was attracted by the howling of a dog, whose nose was pressed against the crack under the outer door of the Nemmer's attic room. The dog acted as if he had struck a scent and was distressed because he could not follow it, the woman declared. She said presently a foot appeared from the doorway and the dog was kicked down the steps.

The two boys and young Shashem were at the Union station Saturday morning when Nemmer appeared and Shashem showed the former's shoes. Nemmer, they said, said he had something at home with which footgear could be polished and the three boys went with him. Tiffa entered while the others waited outside. They never saw him alive again. They returned to their work at the railroad station.

They said they had known Nemmer for sometime and were positive in their identification of him.

Nemmer is 60 years old, hardy in appearance. He made a living by peddling notions. His room at 102 Mather street is on the second floor of a dingy, frame building. The room is reached by an outside stairway. It was in this room that the police discovered two saws and a long knife and on the bed what seemed to be blood stains. Nemmer, who spent much of the day undergoing an examination at the police station, explained the stain on the bed by a cut finger and said that similar marks on the saw were due to the fact that he saved soup bones with them, it being his custom to cook his own meals.

Dozens of persons were interviewed by police officers during the day, among them being the fathers of several youths who had complained of Nemmer's peculiar advances toward them. In connection with this case the police have directed their attention to the murder a year ago of Harry Kurpa, 15 years old, who lived in South Chicago, where Nemmer also lived then. The Kurpa boy, who had been mistreated, disappeared suddenly. Several weeks later his body was found in the Calumet river swamp.

John Paser, 14 years old, told Inspector Worman that he had been enticed to Nemmer's room, but had escaped after a struggle.

## TRAIN ROLLS DOWN STEEP RAVINE NEAR ROANOKE

Came Thundering Down Mountain Side Killing Three Men and Injuring Several More.

(By Associated Press.)  
ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 7.—The work train on a narrow gauge road running to the Rorer iron mines, two miles from Roanoke, today left the rails and rolled down a high embankment on the mountain side. A number of men riding on the train, were caught under the engine and cars.

Three were killed and several more severely injured.

The dead: James Tyree, James Wertz and John Brown.

## CONDITION OF CARDINAL GIBBONS MUCH IMPROVED

American Prelate Experts to Attend Presentation Ceremonies at the Vatican.

(By Associated Press.)  
ROME, Aug. 7.—Cardinal Gibbons, who has been suffering for several days with an intestinal disorder was so much better today that he was able to get up and he thinks that his condition on Saturday will permit of his going to the Vatican to present to Pope Pius the canons of the Basilica of St. Maria in Trastevere, over which the American prelate holds the title of archbishop. On August 15, assumption day, Cardinal Gibbons will pontificate in that Basilica. The American cardinal slept quietly last night and this morning his temperature was normal and the physicians said that the possibility of any complication was over.

Many persons called today to inquire concerning the health of his eminence and this afternoon Pope Pius sent Signor Pucinello, master of the apostolic house to inquire as to the prelate's condition. Signor Pucinello afterward said that the cardinal told him that he considered himself entirely recovered. The dinner that was to have been held tomorrow evening in honor of Cardinal Gibbons will take place next Wednesday. Cardinals Satelli, Vincenzo, Vannutelli and Martelli will be among the guests.

## AIRSHIP Baldwin Balloon Makes Good at Trial Tests

FOR UNITED STATES ARMY

Inventor of American Dirigible is Enthusiastic Over His Trip in the Air—Promises to Surpass the Famous Tests of Count Zeppelin.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7.—"We sighted the enemy,"

These words were shouted by Captain Baldwin as he flew today as he piloted his military balloon to the ground after making a successful flight of nearly five miles in an effort to demonstrate the usefulness of an airship in war times.

Tomorrow at 5 o'clock Captain Baldwin will be ready for the first official speed trial.

Rising from the ground like a monster bird of air, slowly but buoyantly, at 6:21 o'clock this evening the airship built for the United States army was headed into the westerly wind by Captain Baldwin. A complete circle was described, the balloon rising to a height of 200 feet. Again pointing to the west and attaining an estimated speed of twelve miles an hour, the ship voyaged in a direct line for nearly two miles.

Twenty Miles an Hour.  
The trip back was made with the wind which was blowing at the rate of seven miles an hour. The balloon was thrown open a little wider by Mr. Curtiss, who again operated the engine and the ship flew along at a speed of eighteen or twenty miles an hour. When the dirigible passed over the starting point it was about 500 feet in the air. Bringing his ship against the wind, Captain Baldwin made a landing much the same as pilots of watercraft bring their vessels to the side of a dock. With a broad smile, Captain Baldwin announced that the flight was satisfactory in every respect.

"Tomorrow," he said, "we will go after the moon."

"Everything is just as we thought it was when we brought it here. The horizontal rudders worked perfectly and we made several maneuvers which showed that everything is in perfect condition. We are ready to make the official test anytime."

Mr. Curtiss bubbled over with enthusiasm.

Easily Controlled.  
"She rode on an even keel through out the trip," he said, "as an example of the ease with which the ship is controlled and to show what can be done while operating in the air at a height of 500 feet. I sketched a map of the country over which we traveled. I did what will be done in the future with airships."

According to Mr. Curtiss he did not speed his engine above 375 revolutions of the propeller, although it is capable of 550 revolutions a minute. The dirigible was in the air seven teen minutes. At seven o'clock was again taken up for a spin of four minutes circling round and round over the starting point. During both flights the airship was in perfect control, responding to the rudder and the planes beautifully.

## HARRY K. THAW FILES BANKRUPTCY PETITION

Places His Assets at \$128,012.38 and Liabilities at \$453,140.43, Due to Expenses of Trials.

## SAYS MANY CLAIMS ARE UNJUST

Roger O'Mara Named as Receiver With Bond at \$200,000—Claimants Are Doctors and Lawyers Who Figured in Trial—His Mother Loaned Him Over \$191,000.

(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURGH, PA., August 7.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed after 8 o'clock tonight in the United States Court by Attorney Charles Morschauer, of New York, representing Harry K. Thaw, of this city, who is now confined in the Dutchess county, New York, jail. In the petition Thaw states that his assets are \$128,012.38 and his liabilities \$453,140.43.

Roger O'Mara, a well known Pittsburgh detective and personal friend of the Thaw family, was appointed as receiver. His bond was placed at \$200,000, and John Newell and James W. Hatt, two prominent business men of this city, became security for O'Mara.

The most interesting information given regarding the proceedings in the petition asking the appointment of a receiver in which it is alleged that the action is to prevent his property being dissipated in litigation over claims, many of which are unjust.

The figures in the bankruptcy show that this refers to the lawyers and doctors.

Thaw states that he is confined in jail in Dutchess county, N. Y., and is likely to be there for some time. He says some of his creditors have commented sniffs against him and others are contemplating similar action.

He is unable to give the litigation his attention owing to the confinement. The papers were received by E. M. Underwood, receiver in bankruptcy, of the United States court for Lawrence county, Pa., who happened to be in this city, the local receiver, W. R. Blair, being absent for a few days.

Borrowed \$191,500 from Mother.  
The papers will be presented to Mr. Blair when he returns. Loans amounting to \$191,500 from his mother, Mrs. William Thaw, are not disputed.

Among the disputed claims are the following:  
John B. Gleason, New York, \$80,000; Harbridge & Peabody, New York, \$60,000; J. J. Graham, New York, N. Y., \$2,954; H. Hammond, New York, \$1,000; Dr. Wagner, Binghamton, N. Y., \$54,000; Dr. Joffe, New York, \$5,245; Dr. Jones, Morristown, N. J., \$6,000; Martin W. Littleton, New York, \$8,045; Dr. Hamilton, New York, \$12,000; Dr. Dane, New York, \$1,600.

Wants to Pay His Debts.  
FOUGHKEESIE, N. Y., August 7.—Harry K. Thaw, when interviewed in jail tonight, regarding the bankruptcy proceedings instituted in Pittsburgh, said that he had already spent \$200,000 and that there are additional claims amounting to \$200,000 more. His assets, he says, include \$20,000 cash.

Continuing Thaw said:  
"It is a business necessity due to the heavy expense which I have been under during a period of over two years. Now I find additional bills and claims, many of them exaggerated. To pay these as they are presented would entail the result that I could not pay all and some just creditors would suffer. It is to prevent exactly such injustice that the bankruptcy laws were created and I consider that by becoming bankrupt I insure justice to all."

## PYTHIANS BREAK CAMP.

Twenty-fifth Annual Convention Comes to a Close.

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 7.—An important business session of the supreme lodge and the breaking of camp by the uniform rank marked today's proceedings of the 25th convention of the Knights of Pythias and the 16th annual encampment of the uniformed rank.

A terrific storm broke over the encampment of the uniformed knights during the afternoon, thoroughly drenching the entire camp and interfering much with the orderly preparations for breaking camp.

## MEREDITH'S CHANGE OF POLITICS IS EXPLAINED

Democrat Who Repudiated His Party Said to be Stated for Virginia Judgeship.

(Special to The Daily Press.)  
RICHMOND, VA., August 7.—Wyndham E. Meredith, president of the Virginia State Bar Association, who recently at the annual meeting of the association at Hot Springs, renounced his allegiance to the Democratic party and announced his intention of supporting the Republican candidate in the Presidential election this fall, is said to be slated for the new Federal judgeship to be created in Virginia, in the event Taft is elected.

It has long been rumored that a third district was to be established in Virginia, the assumption being at the time that a Democrat was to be named for the third place. Meredith at that time a Democrat, was scheduled for the new position, it being conceded that he was the man best qualified to hold the job. Since his defection in favor of the Republican candidate at Hot Springs, the matter has been again brought to public attention with the result that it is practically conceded that Meredith will be named for the place in the event the Republicans are successful in the fall elections.

The suggestion of a third Federal district in Virginia was not made with any intention of affecting the political situation in Virginia this fall, but because of the congested condition of the two existing districts and the very apparent need of an additional Federal judge to facilitate the work.

## TUCKER CHALLENGE MEREDITH TO DEBATE

Candidate for Governor Wants to Discuss Politics With Richmond Lawyer.

DANVILLE, VA., August 7.—Harry St. George Tucker, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, was in the city a few hours this morning on his way from Floydton, where he spoke at the unveiling of the Confederate monument there. He was visited at the Burton hotel by a number of his friends.

While here he declared he intended to challenge Wyndham E. Meredith of Richmond, who recently renounced the Democratic party to support Taft, for a joint debate on national politics.

## STABBED HIM FIVE TIMES WITH SHARP POCKET KNIFE

Horrible Butchery of Man in North Carolina Because of Old Grudge.

(By Associated Press.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 7.—A special from Tarboro says that as a result of one of the most savage fights in the history of Edgecombe county last night at Lawrence, R. O'Neal, aged 32, died today and S. W. Sparks, aged 32 was lodged in jail on the charge of murder.

The two men had an old grudge but were quite friendly yesterday, taking drinks at Dave Williams' saloon and upon meeting later at the bar, Sparks attacked O'Neal upon small provocation, and drawing a keen edged pocket knife, stabbed O'Neal five times, twice in the abdomen, once in the right lung, once in the left lung and in the left arm. Physicians stated today that it was the worst case of human butchery they had ever seen.

O'Neal leaves a wife and five children.

## ENTIRE FAMILY KILLED BY BOLT OF LIGHTNING

Mother, Father and Son Were Working in the Field When Storm Came Up.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 7.—A special to the Observer from Sparta, Alleghany county, brings news of the death of an entire family to-day at Edmore, ten miles across the mountains from Sparta, by lightning. Frank Murphy, a farmer, his wife and young son, were in the field stacking rye, when the storm came up. The trio ran for shelter, but were struck before they reached the house. The bodies were found later by neighbors.

## May Exonerate Sailors.

NORFOLK, VA., August 7.—The board appointed by Captain Dillingham to inquire into the shooting affair between United States sailors and negroes in Berkeley, is expected to make its report today.

No intimation of its findings has been given, but it is generally expected by those who have been before it that the sailors will be exonerated.

## MONEY NEEDED TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN

Democrats Say Half a Million Will be Necessary to Meet all Expenses

## CONTRIBUTIONS ARE IN ORDER

Fully Realized That Properly Conducted Campaign Requires Large Amounts of Money—Bulk of the Money is Expected From the Masses in Individual Subscriptions.

(By Associated Press.)  
FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., Aug. 7.—The wherewithal to conduct the Democratic campaign was the momentous question under discussion at Fairview today. It has been fully realized that a properly conducted campaign requires adequate funds to pay the legitimate expenses, but the question of who is to put up the money is one which has been the subject of discussion ever since the nominations at Denver were made.

While it is admitted that from a number of sources individual contributions of considerable size will be made the decision has been reached that the bulk of the fund is to come from the masses. A sum not less than \$500,000 is regarded as necessary to meet expenses of the campaign.

## Financial Committee to Meet.

The subject was taken over at length today by Mr. Bryan and former Senator R. F. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, a member of the finance committee, and with Governor Haskell, treasurer of the Democratic national committee. The decision was reached tonight that the finance committee should meet in Chicago next Monday and at once enter upon the work of organization and perfecting plans for raising funds.

Mr. Pettigrew came direct from New York where he was in conference with Chairman Mack and other party leaders.

"Not all the Democrats I met," said Mr. Pettigrew, "will support Mr. Bryan, but their defection will have no effect on the result because the Democrats are nearer together than ever before. New York will go Democratic. There are many Democrats of great wealth who heretofore were opposed to our candidates but this year they are with us. They are men who acquire their money honestly, intend to lend substantial financial aid to our cause."

As the result of the visit of Mr. Pettigrew, it was disclosed that Mr. Bryan contemplates still another change in his program.

## Tour of Speechmaking.

The plan now is, that following his speech at Topeka, he will proceed to Mitchell, S. D., where he will deliver an address on August 29. The following day, Sunday, will be spent in Sioux Falls, and from there he will go to St. Paul, where he is scheduled to speak on August 31. On September 2 Mr. Bryan will speak at the Nebraska State fair in Lincoln.

Eugene W. Chaffin, of Chicago, prohibitionist nominee for the presidency today announced his intention to call on Mr. Bryan tomorrow.

Mr. Chaffin, reached Lincoln this morning and tonight delivered a lecture at Epworth Park.

Among Mr. Bryan's callers today was W. A. Hollingworth, of Atchison, Kansas, a member of the grand council of the United Commercial Travelers and of the Supreme Council of the Elks.

Mr. Hollingworth has been in attendance on the meetings of the former organization in Texas, and of the Elks at Dallas. He informed Mr. Bryan that the travelling men were favorable to him and that at the meetings of the Elks, a poll disclosed that a majority of the delegates would vote the Democratic ticket.

## NAMES COMMITTEE.

Prominent Newspaper Men of the South Included.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, who is chairman of the newspaper committee of the Democratic national campaign committee, made public tonight the names of the Democratic press committee of advice. Among them being the following Southern men:

Alabama—Birmingham Age Herald, E. W. Barrett, Montgomery Adviser, W. W. Scruggs, F. P. Glass, Arkansas—Little Rock Democrat, C. H. Harper; Georgia—Atlanta Constitution, Clark Howell; Kentucky—Lexington Herald, D. Breckenridge; Louisiana—New Orleans Picayune, Thomas Davis, New

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## ILLINOIS TO TEST ITS NEW PRIMARY LAW TODAY

Precedes Election at Which Will be Chosen Governor, Legislature, Senator and Congressmen.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 7.—The new direct primary law of Illinois declared by its friends to be the most efficient will choose a United States book providing for the expression of political preferences, will receive its first test tomorrow. The initial trial of the new law precedes an election in which are to be chosen a governor and all other general officers of the State, a legislature which in turn will choose a United States senator and 25 congressmen.

The vote tomorrow is the first actual test of the direct method of choosing candidates in a city so large as Chicago.

It is admitted by politicians that the law will doubtless work well throughout the State and in less highly congested centers of population than in this city.

## Bad Weather in Boston.

(By Associated Press.)  
BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 7.—From a meteorological standpoint today was "Black Friday" in Boston, the city being visited this afternoon by the heaviest electrical disturbance in years. The storm lasted for nearly an hour, during which time the rain gauge at the United States weather bureau registered a fall of 1.65 inches.

## BABY WAS MURDERED

Mrs. Ethel Gaylord Indicted for Murder of Vaughan Child.

## GRAND JURY RETURNS FINDINGS

Deplorable conditions at the Richmond City Home Said by Grand Jury to be Due to Penurious Appropriations by City Council.

RICHMOND, VA., August 7.—Mrs. Ethel Gaylord must stand trial for the murder of Baby Vaughan. She was indicted this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The ninth day of the inquiry by the grand jury into the city home tragedy was begun at 10 o'clock today with indications pointing to an early report.

After answering the roll call the grand jurors, laughing and chatting, wended their way to the chamber of inquisition, escorted by the faithful and vigilant Pat Bowls, deputy sergeant, who took his accustomed place on guard at the portals.

Foreman Charles F. Taylor carried in his pocket the report of the grand jury. It had been formulated Wednesday and was delivered to Captain Taylor by stenographer John G. Winston today.

Following is a summary of the grand jury's findings:  
Ethel Gaylord, also known as Ethel Gaylord, indicted for the murder of Baby Vaughan.

All officers of the city home deserve severest rebuke and censure for failing to notify the police promptly when the first evidenced of crime was discovered.

Lamentable condition of affairs at the institution.

Superintendent Davis acted without authority when he received the Vaughan baby into the home.

Negligence and lack of system at the city home hospital.

Hospital patient left writhing in agony for twenty-four hours without attention.

To retain services of a laundress at the home the superintendent entered into an agreement whereby she was allowed to get drunk one day in each week.

Superintendent Davis not equal to the emergency demands of his office.

Most of the nurses in the hospital unfit for the work they perform.

Institution needs a competent and fearless officer.

Conditions at the home and hospital are chargeable to the city council, the committee on poor having been hampered by penurious appropriations.

Institution has no recognized head officer.

Superintendent, medical staff and council committee are at variance as to the rules.

The grand jury spent half an hour in their room, preparing the indictment charging the Gaylord woman with the murder of Baby Vaughan. The report and indictment were

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## RAILROADS REFUSE TO GIVE REDUCED RATES

Visitors to Bryan Notification Ceremony at Lincoln Will Have to Pay Full Fare

## IS UNJUST DISCRIMINATION

Chairman Mack Says Action of Railroads is a Case of Unfair Distinction to Grant Special Rates to Taft Ceremonies and Deny Them to Bryan's Notification.

## (By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee said that no reduced rates will be put into effect for the Bryan notification at Lincoln, Neb., August 12. The communication came from Eben E. MacLeod, chairman of the Western Passenger Association and was in reply to a letter set to MacLeod by Mr. Mack earlier in the day calling attention to the fact that reduced fares had been granted on the occasion of the Taft notification in Cincinnati, whereas no concessions had been made for the Democratic gathering.

The correspondence was preceded by several telephonic conversations between Messrs Mack and MacLeod, the latter explained the action of the railroads by referring to the fact that no reduced rates had been put into effect for any events in Nebraska since the passage of the two cent fare law in that state. He also emphasized the fact that the reduced rates to Cincinnati were quoted by the Central Passenger Association but that no reduction was made for the Taft meeting in Western Passenger Association territory and that there was no discrimination by the Western association.

"The action of the railroads is simply a discrimination against the Democratic party," said Mr. Mack. "They state that there is a two cent rate law in Nebraska, which will not permit them to give a reduced rate to Lincoln. But I desire to call their attention to the fact that the law is a two cent rate law in Ohio, which did not prevent the granting of a reduced rate by the Central Passenger Association to the Taft meeting in Cincinnati. Besides as I understand it, many of the railroads which compose the Central Passenger Association are members of the Western Passenger Association."

## PHILADELPHIA VISITED BY FIERCE ELECTRICAL STORM

Two Persons Struck by Lightning and Instantly Killed and Others Are Seriously Injured.

## (By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, August 7.—Two persons were killed and two others severely injured by lightning during a severe electrical storm which swept over Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey today, causing much havoc. Robert Haimbach, a farmer, was struck and instantly killed near Lewisburg, Pa., while working in the fields, and Walter Cattell, aged 12 years, was struck and killed near Glassboro, N. J. His sister, Mabel, and Rebecca Turner, were also struck and severely injured, the latter being in a serious condition.

Cattell, his sister and Miss Turner were seated under a shed watching the lightning when a bolt hit the peak of the house and ran down a corner, across the floor and through the shed where they were sitting. The lightning broke the legs of the chairs and rendered the trio unconscious.

Th charge phased down Cattell's back and he was dead when picked up. The shoes were ripped from the feet of his sister, but she recovered consciousness after a short time.

Miss Turner remained half dead for some time and is seriously ill from shock. One corner of Cattell's home was torn out by the lightning. Buildings of all sorts were struck in various sections and destroyed and many districts suffered from floods. Philadelphia, in connection with the storm, was pelted by one of the most severe falls of hail that has occurred in a number of years.

## Cow Caused Wreck.

(By Associated Press.)  
LIVINGSTON, TEXAS, August 7.—Four persons were killed and two others were injured, two probably fatally, when an engine on a train struck a cow and plunged into a deep ravine near here today.